दिल्ली के कुछ राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों में धोखाधड़ी का पता लगना

1227. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली के कुछ राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों में जाली ड्राफ्टों और अन्य धोखाधड़ियों के मामलों का पता चला है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो किन-किन बैंकों के विरूद्ध भ्रष्टाचार के ऐसे मामले दर्ज किये गये हैं और सरकार ने उन पर क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलबीर सिंह) : (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Action Plan to check Ganja cultivation

1228. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an action plan to check ganja cultivation was prepared and, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Kerala Government have submitted a ten year action plan to prevent ganja cultivation and, if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what steps have been taken to modernise the Central Narcotics Bureau;

(d) what are the places where ganja is grown and ganja oil produced;

(e) what is the number of raids on ganja plantations conducted during the year 1991-92 and what is the outcome of those raids; and

(f) whether ganja plants were destroyed during these raids?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Cultivation of the cannabis plant for production of Ganja for any purpose other than medical and scientific use has been prohibited. Action is taken to destroy cannabis cultivation whenever it comes to notice.

(b) Kerala Government submitted a scheme for destruction of Ganja cultivation in Kerala during the period 1992-93 to 2001-2002. The scheme which was received by Government in April 1992, has been examined and referred back to the Kerala Government for suitable changes.

(c) The Narcotics Control Bureau has undertaken a programme of computerisation and modernisation of its communication set up. Training programmes have also been undertaken to upgrade the skills of law enforcement agencies.

(d) Reports of illicit cultivation of cannabis have been received from some parts of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Manipur.

(e) and (f) During the year 1991-92 as many as 31 operations against illicit cannabis cultivation in the various parts of the country were conducted as a consequence of which 1336 acres of such cultivation with potential yield of over 1937 tonns were reportedly destroyed by various drug law enforcement agencies.

Seizure of Heroin in Bombay

1229. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Nacotics Cell in Bombay has seized a large quantity of heroin, recently and if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether any drug traffickers were arrested during this seizure and if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this seizure is the largest in the world of the year as confirmed by INTERPOL; and

(d) whether foreign links of the drug traffickers were found during this raid and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir. 354.150 Kgs. of heroin was seized in June, 1992.

(b) Two persons were arrested. Their names are Ishrak Khan and Noor Mohmed Jehangir Pathan.

(c) As per the available Interpol reports, this appears to be largest seizure of 1992.

(d) Yes, Sir. Both drug traffickers have links with their counterparts in the Golden Cresent area.

Diversion of Money raised through PSU Bonds by handful of brokers

1230. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item that appeared in the 'Indian Express', New Delhi of the 5th June, 1992 under the caption "Brokers made good use of PSU's money" wherein it has been stated that over Rs. 10,000 crores of Public Sector Undertakings, money raised through bonds or debentures was diverted to help half a dozen brokers;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action against the officials responsible for this;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The irregularities referred to are being examined by the Janakiraman Committee and the Government is taking corrective and punitive action on all specific cases of improper use of funds emerging from this examination. These matters are also being investigated by the CBI.

Loss due to misuse of power by Income-Tax Officer

1231. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item appearing in 'Dainik Jagaran' (NOIDA) of 23rd May, 1992 regarding misuse of power by an Income Tax Officer causing loss of 26 lacs of rupees to Government; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to recover the money and to punish such type of authorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The case relating to fraudulent Income Tax refund has been referred to the Police for investigation. 19 criminal cases have been registered and 76 persons were arrested by the Police. Those arrested include two employees of Income Tax Department (including the ITO concerned). These two employees have also been placed under suspension.

An amount of Rs. 1.54 lacs approx. has been recoverd from some of the persons involved in the fraudulent encashment of the refund vouchers.